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LIVING CONDITIONS IN ECUADOR, 1953

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P I C H I L I N G U E

Pichilingue is 120 miles from Guayaquil (225,000 population). Elevation 250 feet.

Population: 500 in local area. Pichilingue is not a town. It is a large undeveloped farm, where the Tropical Experiment Station is located.

Climate: Hot. Rain six months, dusty six months. Average annual temperature 80°F.

Clothing: Light weight. Heavy for travel to highlands.

Sports: Few. Hunting fair. Bring guns and shells.

Entertainment: No Clubs. Practically none.

Radio: Take with you.

Housing: General type of house is brick. Time required to obtain housing depends on number of personnel. Housing facilities limited to four U. S. families.

Electricity: AC 115 V. Limited KW.

Foods: Procurement at post poor. Can be purchased in Guayaquil and Quito at high cost. Best to import all canned goods.

Medicines: Few. Take with you some of the most common remedies. Medical service limited. One American nurse for first aid.

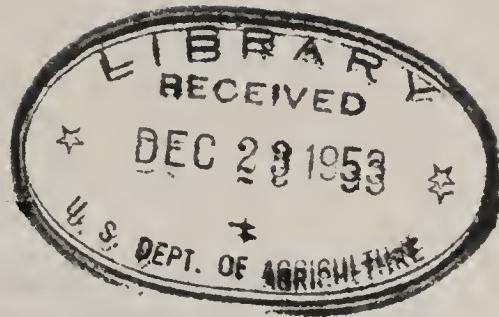
Schools: Low grades only. Not for U. S. personnel.

Churches: None. Catholic church in Quevedo.

Automobile: Take with you. Dry-weather roads. Can be used in Guayaquil.

Communications: No telephone service. Radio with Quito and Guayaquil.

Sanitary conditions: Running water and indoor toilets. Intestinal parasites are common ailment. Water and milk should be boiled. Station has good water from a deep well, but preceding precautions should be followed elsewhere.





Pichilingue: Continued:General:

Butter, meat and similar items are not available at the Station and are not always available in Quevedo but may be obtained at Quito or Guayaquil. Tropical fruits and certain vegetables are available most of the year. Refrigerators are available. Clothing, linens, blankets, cooking utensils are available at high prices in Quito. It is preferable to bring these things from the States. As the Station is located in the lowlands, summer clothing is desirable but heavier clothing is needed for the highlands. Keeping house is rather difficult without servants. However, their services may be obtained for a very nominal sum.

Pichilingue is a Tropical Agricultural Station.





